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SUBJECT: MEXICO PRINCIPAL AND CONSULAR OFFICERS' CONFERENCE

REF: STATE 207424

1. EMBASSY PROPOSES THREE-DAY COUNTRY CONSULAR CONFERENCE  
OCTOBER 23-25. PRINCIPAL OFFICER CONFERENCE WOULD TAKE  
PLACE SIMULTANEOUSLY BY MEANS OF WORKING BREAKFASTS AND  
LUNCHEES, AND WOULD CONTINUE INTO A FOURTH DAY, THURSDAY  
OCTOBER 26, FOR PO'S INDIVIDUAL CONSULTATIONS AT EMBASSY.

2. THIS YEAR'S SHORTER CONFERENCE IS DESIGNED TO RESPOND  
TO AMBASSADOR LUCEY'S EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT LAST YEAR'S  
5-DAY CONFERENCE IMPAIRED FUNCTIONING OF POSTS BY KEEPING  
PO'S AWAY UNDULY LONG. PROPOSED AGENDA FOR OCTOBER  
CONSULAR CONFERENCE DEVOTES SAME AMOUNT OF TIME TO  
CONSULAR AFFAIRS AS DID LAST YEAR'S CONFERENCE, BUT  
PRINCIPAL OFFICER'S CONFERENCE HAS BEEN COMPACTED.  
BUDGETARY CONCERNS ARE ALSO A FACTOR IN PROPOSING SHORTER  
CONFERENCE.

3. PROPOSED AGENDA FOLLOWS:

AGENDA FOR MEXICO COUNTRY PRINCIPAL OFFICER/CONSULAR  
CONFERENCE (VERSION 1) OCTOBER 23-26, 1978 AMERICAN  
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EMBASSY, MEXICO CITY  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 23

0900 WELCOME BY AMBASSADOR LUCEY

0915 AN OVERVIEW ON CONSULAR AFFAIRS: ASST. SECRETARY  
BARBARA WATSON (OR REPRESENTATIVE)

1030 COFFEE BREAK

1045 AN OVERVIEW ON IMMIGRATION MATTERS: INS  
COMMISSIONER LEONEL CASTILLO (OR REPRESENTATIVE)

1145 VISA OFFICE: DAS B.J. HARPER (OR REPRESENTATIVE)

1300 DUTCH-TREAT LUNCH AT EMBASSY FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS

(AFTER LUNCH CONSULAR AGENTS FOLLOW SEPARATE SCHEDULE)

1430 IV'S: THE VISA FUNCTION IN MEXICO--DON PARSONS  
CHIEF, VISA BRANCH, EMBASSY MEXICO CITY

1500 IV: DISCUSSION

1530 COFFEE BREAK

1545 VISA FRAUD IN MEXICO--PANEL DISCUSSION

1730 ADJOURN (CONSULAR AGENTS DEPART)

EVENING: FUNCTION HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR LUCEY AND/OR DCM  
FERCH FOR WASHINGTON PARTICIPANTS, PRINCIPAL OFFICERS,  
CONSULAR AGENTS AND SPOUSES.

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

0800 PRINCIPAL OFFICER'S DUTCH TREAT BREAKFAST WITH NAU  
OFFICER JOSEPH MCLAUGHLIN AT EMBASSY

0900 PASSPORTS: DAS LOREN LAWRENCE (OR REPRESENTATIVE)

1030 COFFEE BREAK

1045 OVERSEAS CONSULAR SERVICES: DAS ALAN GISE (PRESENTATION  
COULD INCLUDE DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING  
PRIVACY AND FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACTS)

1200 DEALING WITH DISTURBED AND ANTI-SOCIAL CCS CLIENTS:  
FATHER GABRIEL HANNAN, CONTRACT PENOLOGIST-  
PSYCHOLOGIST

1300 LUNCH (PRINCIPAL OFFICERS' DUTCH TREAT LUNCH WITH  
POLITICAL COUNSELOR WILLIAM PRYCE AT EMBASSY)

1430 CITIZEN CONSULAR SERVICES (CCS) PANEL DISCUSSION:  
SERVICES TO AMERICAN CITIZENS - HOW MUCH AND

WHAT KIND?

1530 COFFEE BREAK, 1545 RESUME CCS PANEL DISCUSSION

1730 ADJOURN

EVENING: FREE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

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0800 PRINCIPAL OFFICERS' DUTCH TREAT BREAKFAST WITH  
USICA PUBLIC AFFAIRS COUNSELOR STANLEY A. ZUCKERMAN  
AT EMBASSY

0900 OVERVIEW OF CONSULAR OPERATIONS IN MEXICO:  
CONSUL GENERAL VERNON D. MCANINCH

0930 DISCUSSION

1000 COFFEE BREAK

1015 COMPUTERIZATION AND CONSULAR WORK IN MEXICO:  
ROBERT YOUNG, DIRECTOR, RFDP CENTER, EMBASSY MEXICO  
CITY

1145 THE PRISONER TRANSFER TREATY: ALLAN W. OTTO, CHIEF,  
CITIZENS CONSULAR SERVICES BRANCH, EMBASSY MEXICO  
CITY

1300 LUNCH (PRINCIPAL OFFICERS' DUTCH TREAT LUNCH WITH  
ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR STEPHEN H. ROGERS AT  
EMBASSY)

1430 ARA/MGT REPRESENTATIVE: BUDGET, PERSONNEL

1630 COFFEE BREAK  
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1645 CONSULAR CONFERENCE WRAP-UP: THE FUTURE OF CONSULAR  
WORK IN MEXICO--ASST. SECRETARY WATSON

1715 FINAL REMARKS BY AMBASSADOR LUCEY

1730 ADJOURN

EVENING: FUNCTION HOSTED BY CONSUL GENERAL MCANINCH FOR  
ALL PARTICIPANTS AND SPOUSES.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

0900 PRINCIPAL OFFICERS' DUTCH TREAT BREAKFAST WITH  
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNSELOR ROBERT MILLER

1000 REMINDER OF DAY FREE FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSULTATIONS  
AND RETURN TO POST

4. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS ON  
PROPOSED AGENDA AND NAMES OF WASHINGTON PARTICIPANTS.

5. FOR CONSTITUENT POSTS: PLEASE INFORM CONSULAR AGENTS  
WITHIN YOUR DISTRICTS THAT THEY WILL BE INVITED TO ATTEND  
THE MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, SESSION OF THE CONSULAR CONFERENCE.  
CONFIRM ATTENDANCE OF CONSULAR AGENTS AT CONFERENCE WITH  
EMBASSY SO THAT WE MAY ISSUE TRAVEL ORDER. CONSULAR AGENTS  
WILL ATTEND MORNING SESSIONS OF CONFERENCE ON MONDAY AND  
FOLLOW SEPARATE SCHEDULE FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSULTATIONS IN  
AFTERNOON, THEN RETURN TO THEIR AGENCIES ON TUESDAY  
MORNING. YOUR COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED AGENDA ARE  
APPRECIATED. MCANINCH

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